GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4380
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2000
LOSS OF CROPS DUE TO SCARCITY OF WATER
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the scarcity of water in the Hirakund Water Reservoir;

(b) if so, the total loss of Kharif crops in Sambalpur, Bargarh and several other districts in Orissa;

(c) whether any assistance have been extended to the farmers to compensate their losses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The State Government of Orissa has reported that due to erraticand inadequate rainfall, overall 9 lakh hectare of paddy crop has been affected by moisture stress conditions.

(c) & (d): Central share of Calamity Relief Fund amounting to Rs.41.05 crore has sofar been released to Orissa State during 2000-01 to supplement the efforts of State Government for undertaking relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. The State Government have extended assistance to farmers on supply of seeds at subsidised rate and pumpsets with 50% subsidy.